



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **SUPERVISOR CLARK TO DISTRIBUTE HUNDREDS OF BACKPACKS TO LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Toni Clark and The Office Depot Foundation are pleased to announce that Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, Running Rebels, Daniels – Mardak Boys and Girls Club and Parklawn YMCA have been chosen to receive backpacks containing essential school supplies as part of the Foundation's 7th Annual National Backpack Program, in partnership with the National Foundation for Women Legislators. **The backpacks will be presented to students at a Back –To-School Event on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. at Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, 5460 N. 64<sup>th</sup> Street in Milwaukee.**

"This is a wonderful program started by Office Depot in 2001 to provide backpacks and school supplies to children in need," Supervisor Clark said. "I am honored to present these backpacks to the students who need them the most. This donation will allow these students to start the school year with the resources they need to be successful in the classroom. As Wisconsin's Education Team Leader for the National Foundation for Women Legislators, I commend the Office Depot Foundation on their efforts to make children's lives better."

By the end of this year, Office Depot and the Office Depot Foundation will have given away nearly 1.5 million backpacks since the program began. For the third consecutive year, 300,000 backpacks are being donated across the United States and Canada.

"These basic school supplies are something many of us take for granted," Supervisor Clark added. "This is a wonderful program and I look forward to working with the Office Depot Foundation in the future on behalf of the National Foundation for Women Legislators."

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